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REMARKS

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1. Some freest (N 55/P 93) residents who worked in the Peenemuende (N 55/P 83) power plant were taken from Wolgast (N 55/P 92) to Peenemuende by a tractor every morning. The same laborers had worked in Peenemuende during the war. A large motor-boat with a mounted searchlight patrolled between the coast and Peenemuende.
2. Three Soviet conventional fighters with radial engine and extended landing gear were seen over Peenemuende on 24 March 1950.
3. The border of the Peenemuende restricted area ran along the perimeter of Karlshagen (N 55/P 92) and then across the entire island. Part of Karlshagen had to be evacuated and only farmers were permitted to remain. Most of the restricted area was guarded by Soviet Air Force personnel or Soviet Zone German police.
4. The following was observed from the border of the restricted area the night of 23 March 1950:\*

An estimated 16 to 18 fighters practiced flying between 10:15 p.m. and 12:40 a.m. Two unusually strong searchlights were in operation during that period. Two powerful and narrow beams of light flashed over a long distance for 6 to 8 seconds at

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at 2:40 and 3:55 a.m., probably from Peenemuende, but no detonations were heard.\*

5. Many Soviet Air Force officers, including several groups of colonels and majors, were seen in Karlsruhe and Zinnowitz (N 55/L 02).\* There were no indications of the production of V-weapons through personal observation or interrogation of local residents.\*\*

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~~Comment.~~ The information on the restricted area is known. The most essential statement is the report of night flying. It is therefore assumed that the two fighter regiments stationed in Peenemuende are also used as night fighters. The degree of re-equipment of the two fighter regiments is not clear. The presence of jet planes is assumed from the observed arrival of a train loaded with aircraft crates. The appearance of many high air force officers accounts for the presence of a fighter division headquarters.

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~~Comment.~~ The information again confirms the opinion that V-weapons are not produced in Peenemuende.

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